

2005 Conference for People with Disabilities

DECEMBER 5-6, 2005 Westin Hotel, Downtown Indianapolis

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

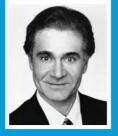
(Keynote speakers subject to change.)

JIM DICKSON



Jim Dickson, J.D., is vice president for governmental affairs of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). He also leads the AAPD Disability Vote Project, a broad coalition of 36 national disability-related organizations whose mission is to close the political participation gap for people with disabilities. Dickson held a central role in the Leadership Conference on Civil Right's (LCCR) election reform task force and now co-chairs LCCR's Help America Vote Act Task Force.

CHARLES GAREIEI D



Dr. Charles Garfield is the author of *Peak Performers, Peak Performance* and *Second to None*, and is founder of Shanti, a widely acclaimed volunteer organization, and the Shanti National Training Institute. Garfield's career began as a mathematician and analyst on Apollo Eleven, where he found inspiration for his peak performance book series. Garfield currently serves as clinical professor of psychology at the University of California School of Medicine at San Francisco.

ROBIN JONES



Robin Jones has served as director for Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center since its inception more than 14 years ago. Jones formerly served as director of a Chicago-area independent living center and as an occupational therapy practitioner at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. She has extensive experience training businesses, government and disability organizations on the ADA and is recognized as a key resource regarding ADA compliance.

JOHN KEMP



John D. Kemp, J.D., a principal in the firm of Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville, has a federal law and legislative practice in the areas of disability, rehabilitation, health care and nonprofit organizations. Kemp serves as chief executive officer for Disability Service Providers of America and previously served in this role for the United Cerebral Palsy Association, VSA Arts and HalfthePlanet Foundation. He also worked as general counsel and vice president of development for the National Easter Seal Society.

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Anne Rohall, J.D., an attorney in the field of health and disability policy, is currently director of government relations for the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) and represents NACDD on several task forces within the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities. Rohall has drafted testimony, speeches and talking points for congressional members, and has worked with people with disabilities and other advocates in coordinating numerous grassroots advocacy campaigns.

ANNE ROHALL

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY DECEMBER 5

8 - 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION/EXHIBIT VIEWING

9:30 – 10 a.m.

OPENING SESSION – Welcome

10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

KEYNOTE SESSION – Dr. Charles Garfield, author of *Peak Performers*, *Peak Performance* and *Second to None*, will discuss what it takes to become a peak performer and how to function at your highest level.

12:15 - 12:30 p.m.

Break

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH/KEYNOTE SESSION – Jim Dickson, J.D., vice president for governmental affairs of the American Association for People with Disabilities, and AAPD Disability Vote Project leader, will discuss how we can wield power through the ballot box.

1:45 – 2 p.m.

Break

2 - 4 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops

4 – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops

6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

EXHIBIT VIEWING

7 – 9 p.m.

RECEPTION – Think Charlie Chaplin, jazz, talking movies and social reform – we're taking you back in time to the Roaring Twenties! Put on your beads, flapper dresses and zoot suits and get ready to do the Charleston and Lucky Lindy. Light refreshments will be available. (Dress in 1920s attire.)



8 – 9:15 a.m.

REGISTRATION/EXHIBIT VIEWING

9:15 a.m. - noon

KEYNOTE SESSION – Robin Jones, director, Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center, will discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act's past, present and future. In addition, Anne Rohall, director of government relations for NACDD, will present "Let's Make a Deal." This presentation addresses the government's current scramble to make deals and what the coming legislative session holds for people with disabilities.

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCHEON – The eighth annual Awards for Excellence in Reporting on Disability Issues honor journalists who examine disability issues and report in "people first" language.

CLOSING KEYNOTE SESSION — John D. Kemp, J.D., principal, Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville, will share highlights from his co-authored book, *Reflections from a Different Journey*. Kemp will also explore the importance of social capital while providing general comments on disability culture and positive psychology.

LODGING

You are responsible for your own accommodations (unless you are a scholarship recipient living 50 miles or more outside of Indianapolis). A block of rooms at the Westin has been reserved at special rates. The Westin offers accessible rooms upon request; please mention the Conference when registering to receive the discounted rate. Also note that parking rates are in addition to costs below.

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DOUBLE \$ 91/day
TRIPLE \$101/day
QUAD \$111/day
Tax rate on all rooms is 12%
(not included in above rates).

WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 2 - 4 P.M.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER – What exactly is the ADA?

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law more than 15 years ago, people with disabilities are growing in numbers and are all too often not familiar with the ADA and the promise it holds. This workshop will trace the history of the ADA and provide basic information about the rights and responsibilities it contains.

MERGERS, JOINT VENTURES AND ALLIANCES – Grassroots strategic planning

Change is most often the result of an organized, coordinated effort by policy-makers and stakeholders. If there's been a specific disability issue you have longed to address, but were unsure where to begin, this is the workshop for you. This workshop is designed for teams of three participants from within the same community. As a prerequisite to this dynamic workshop, participants within a community must assemble a team of three, identify a specific issue to address and pre-register for this session. Attendance will be limited to no more than 45 individuals. (See included registration form to sign up.)

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Juggling your finances to make ends meet is a learned skill. This hands-on workshop will explore finance-related techniques and programs to help you stretch your resources further and ultimately increase your financial worth.

ACHIEVING A BALANCE IN LIFE BY EXPLORING THE ARTS

The arts have been part of life from the very beginning – defining, describing and deepening human experiences. Art allows us to express the otherwise inexpressible by making connections between time and space, experience and event, body and spirit, intellect and emotion. Explore how to achieve balance in your life through the arts during this workshop.

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS (first part of two-part workshop)

Being an entrepreneur requires planning, motivation and an eye for invention. For those who have an interest in being self-employed, this two-part workshop will focus on developing a business plan, crafting a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (SSA-545), creating financial spreadsheets and several other business-related items. (Second part held at 4:15 p.m.)

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2005.

ECONOMIC POWER

The Department of Workforce Development will provide demonstrations on how to use the DWD kiosk to access information about employment opportunities. Listings from the state Job Bank and lists of employment counselors will be available.

DRAWINGS FOR **DOOR PRIZES**

will be held throughout the Conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs) AVAILABLE

The conference has been approved for continuing education units (CEUs) by the Indiana University School of Social Work. Monday's sessions, in total, equal 7.25 hours of continuing education credits. Tuesday's sessions, in total, account for 3.75 hours. Those wishing to receive CEUs must pick up a form for each day of participation at the Conference registration desk. The form will give further instructions, including mailing information and payment (\$10 for each participation day), to receive credits. (Checks will not be collected at the Conference.)

HIGH STAKES GAME – Winner takes all

Indiana's landscape is rapidly changing. This workshop will explore soon-to-be introduced legislation and how you can be effective in communicating your perspective to elected officials.

NET WORTH – Money can't buy you love

This interactive workshop is designed to help you draw conclusions on how your worth is measured. Presenters will examine the attributes that make up our value as people and the social perceptions that define our worth.

THE PRICE WE HAVE PAID

The Blue Monkey Sideshow theatrical troupe will perform an interpretation of the portrayal of people with disabilities throughout the years. After the performance, workshop attendees will be encouraged to discuss and share ideas.

MAKE YOURSELF A VALUED COMMODITY BY VOTING

Every person can involve himself or herself in the electoral process. Presenters will discuss the importance of becoming more involved with voting and the election tools available to those with disabilities in accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS (second part of two-part workshop)

Being an entrepreneur requires planning, motivation and an eye for invention. For those who have an interest in being self-employed, this two-part workshop will focus on developing a business plan, crafting a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (SSA-545), creating financial spreadsheets and several other business-related items. (First part held at 2 p.m.)

ESTATE PLANNING – Ensuring a secure future

Planning for the future is an essential part of life. This workshop will explain how to set up an estate plan that will provide for your family members' well-being far into the future.

PARTIAL PRESENTERS LISTING

BLUE MONKEY SIDESHOW

theatrical troupe

SHARON BYRKETT

Navigator. WorkOne/Goodwill

SHERI CAVEDA

Executive Director, Fifth Freedom

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STEVE MCCAFFREY, J.D.

Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Indiana JAN YOUNG

TODD ROKITA, J.D. Indiana Secretary of State

YOSCHEVED SAMPSON, Ph.D. Chairperson, ArtsWork

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